

WESTERN FEDERATION TACTICS IN CLIFFTON-MORENCI STRIKE DISTRICT SHOWN UP IN AFFIDAVITS BY MEN WHO SUFFERED ATTACKS

Phoenix, Arizona, Oct. 19th.—Disclosing the real truth about the conditions in the Clifton-Morenci strike district where hundreds have been compelled by the leaders of the Western Federation of Miners union to leave their homes and flee to Duncan, Lordsburg or El Paso, are the affidavits which have been executed by members of the refugee colonies now established in the cities named. Over fifty of these affidavits reached Phoenix this morning. They had been executed before notaries at Duncan or El Paso and in detail set forth the brutal treatment experienced by the

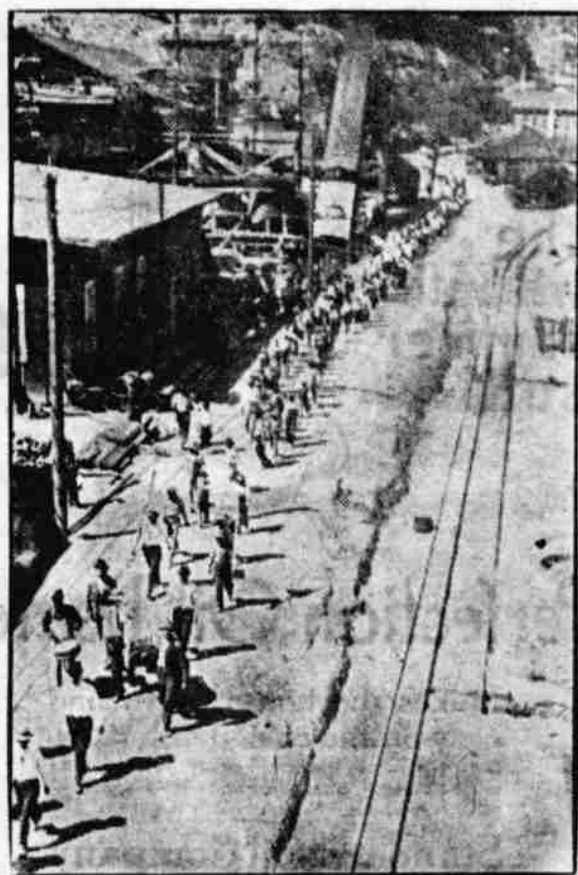
affiliants at the hands of the Western Federation unionists. All of them tell of a condition which prevailed in the strike district for many days wholly at variance with the reported "peaceable conditions" so frequently referred to by the state officials in giving out reports they had received from the strike district.

The affidavits show that for weeks a reign of terror had existed at Clifton and Morenci with the connivance and in some instances the co-operation of the authorities. These same authorities, some of them representatives of governor Hunt, from day to day sent

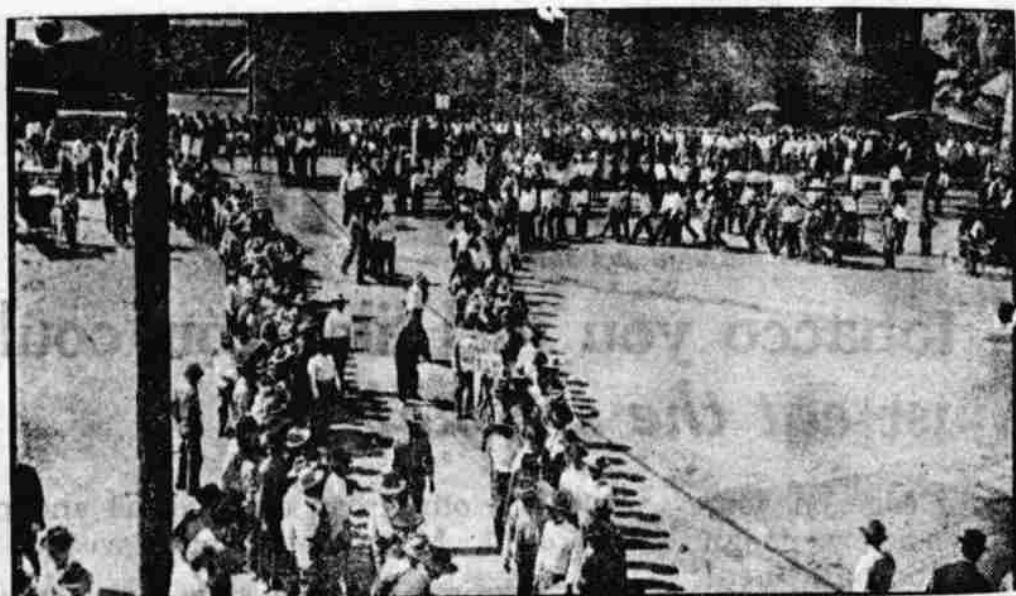
out reports that all was quiet and orderly in the district. Contrary to the announcement that the sheriff had the situation under control that official, according to the affidavits was unable to prevent mobs from entering the homes of law abiding citizens, dragging them forth and beating them, and in a number of instances permitted the federation leaders who had been deputized to arrest men and throw them into jail. Deputy sheriffs sworn to uphold law and order ordered peaceable citizens to leave town and escorted many to the train, saw that they purchased tickets and remained at the station until the train pulled out to see that their orders were obeyed.

Men who were not members of the Western Federation of Miners and who refused to obey the dictates of the high-handed leaders of that organization were brutally assaulted and beaten or thrown into jail without cause or complaint. Mobs forced entrance into peaceful homes and dragging forth the occupants gave them notice to leave town immediately. Threats of lynching, abuse and curses heaped upon men and their families at every turn caused many to leave, while lists of those who were to be arrested by a certain time if they did not join the union were posted and had the desired effect. Some were forced to flee in the dead of night while their homes were surrounded by Western Federation pickets and being without funds to buy a ticket walked the entire distance to Duncan.

Driven into exile by a despotism as absolute as that of any czar, given no assistance by representatives of our government, county or state, who were busy sending and receiving reports that all was peaceful, hundreds were forced to leave their families without funds or provisions. American citizens, owners of property at Clifton and Morenci were a large percentage of those driven out and they fared no better than the poorest foreigner. Half of the refugees have lived in the United States over fifteen



The strikers headed by Guy Miller, executive committee member, Western Federation, marched through the works and drove men out. It was in a march such as shown above that many men who refused to quit were beaten.



A parade of the strikers. The banners carried in the parade were marked "Hurrah for Governor Hunt" and "We are With the Western Federation Till the End" and "The Companies Want to Starve us Out."

years and more than twenty-five of them are married and have families to provide for.

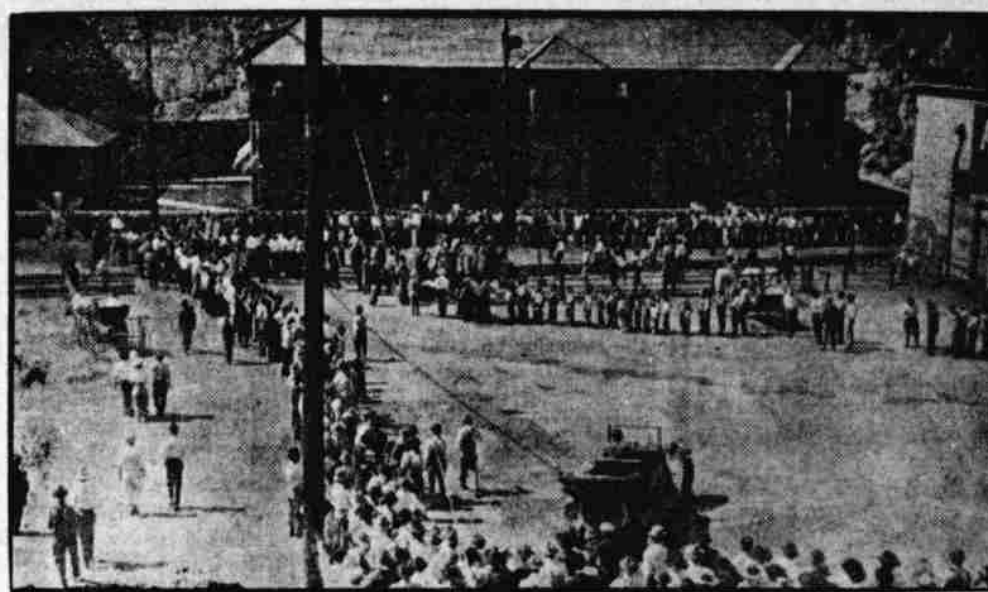
How many were thrown into jail by the Western Federation mobs "for their own protection" is not known. It is known that at least a dozen men were arrested "for their own protection" after mobs had beaten and severely injured them. Impotent in the

face of these mobs and apparently afraid to incur the anger of the federation leaders the sheriff and his deputies publicly joined in warning men to leave the district, daily reporting to governor Hunt who in turn gave out the news that all was quiet at Clifton and Morenci and there was no disorder.

The following workmen have made

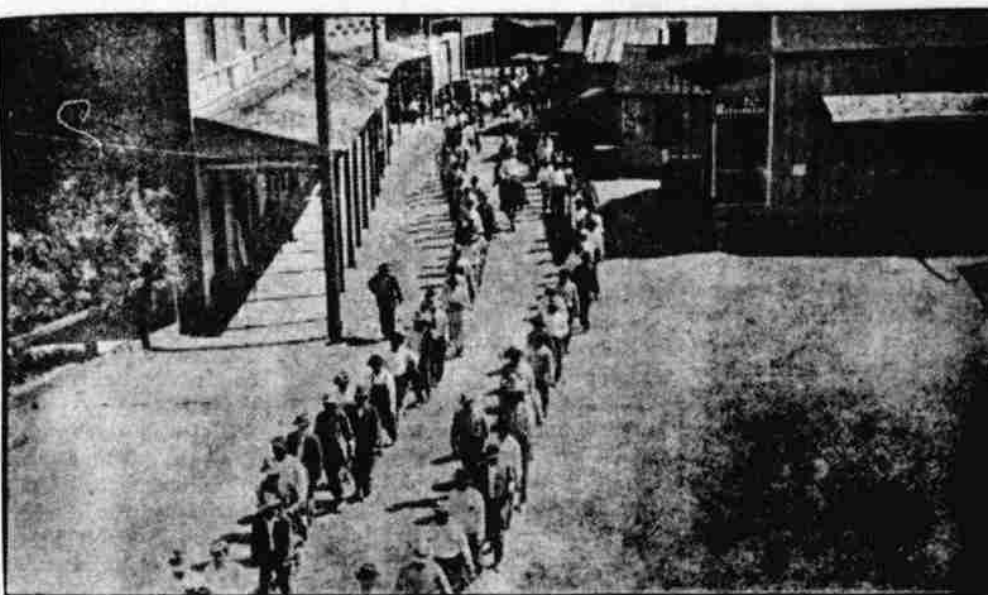
affidavits swearing to what actually transpired which tell the story of the disorders:

J. I. Watson, beaten, nose broken.
Gregorio Rameriz, in jail for 6 hours, escaped to hills.
Seladonino Trujillo, threatened, house surrounded, left.



A demonstration in front of the Arizona Copper Company store in Clifton. The Federation leaders refused to allow the store to close.

Juan Cedillo, threatened with lynching.	Juan Munoz, warned to leave by federation.	Antonio Rubio, driven out, walked 70 miles to Lordsburg.
Francisco Guerrero, in hospital when strike, given 24 hours to leave.	Pedro H. Munoz, left because of threats made by federation men.	Eduardo Varela, arrested and put in jail, left next morning.
Doroteo Jara, mob entered his home, dragged him out, gave him half an hour to leave.	Jose M. Scott, left because of threats.	Jesus Chavez, escaped at night, walked 9 miles to Guthrie.
Joe Scott, warned to leave by mob.	John Scott, given 2 hours to leave town.	Concepcion Huerta, house surrounded but escaped and left.
Jesus Madrid, house mobbed at one o'clock in morning, walked twenty-four miles to get away.	Santiago Mantinez, threatened with arrest, left.	Norcisco Cortez, pursued by mob, walked to Lordsburg, 70 miles.
Epitacio Luera, cursed and abused, driven out.	Rafael Orosco, given one day to leave, or go to jail.	Elijio Munoz, told to leave by federation, walked to Lordsburg.



The strikers paraded Morenci, Clifton and Metcalf every day for first three days of strike and when they came to the home of a miner not a Federation member he was warned to leave camp. The above picture shows a scene in Conglomerate alley in Clifton.

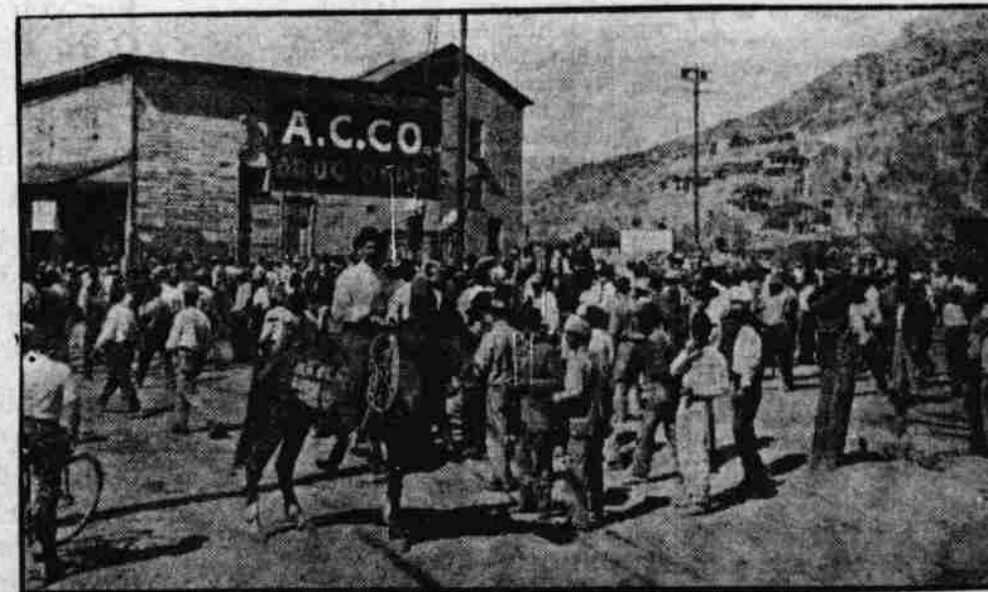
Pedro Orosco, given 24 hours to leave.	L. A. Brockett, member Company M, Arizona National Guard, forced to leave by federation committee.	Guadalupe Garcia, given notice to leave by federation secretary.
Pedro Munoz, mob ordered him to leave.	Robert Nardelli, left because of threats, two hours later mob came to his home.	Juan Cedillo, threatened with lynching, left town.
Panatalio Luera, compelled to leave.	Francisco Hernandez, given 12 hours to leave, walked to Duncan.	Nicholas Tordano, given 24 hours to leave by deputy sheriff.
Pedro J. Yanez, forced to leave.	Rosalio Dominguez, left because of threats, walked to Duncan.	
Jose Falcon, left during wholesale deportation.	Alberto Alonzo, threatened with lynching, walked to Duncan.	
Luis Madrid, left because of threats.	Frank Bruno, brutally beaten and cut by federation gang, kept in jail all night, escorted to train by deputy sheriff.	
Andreas Vasquez, dragged from breakfast table, forced to leave.	Joe Molloque, put in jail, then compelled to leave.	
Inez Chacon, threatened by mob, left.	Edmundo Lueveno, in jail for 3 days, put on train by deputies.	
Jesus Estrada, threatened by mob, left.	Antonio Madrid, in jail 3 days, put on train by deputies.	
Casamiri Rodela, left because of threats.	Jose R. Padilla, postmaster at Steeple Rock, N. M., went to Clifton to see a doctor, set upon by mob of 300, stoned and beaten, ribs broken, badly injured.	
Guadalupe H. Gonzalez, left because of threats.		
Eugenio Sigala, left because of abuse and insults.		
Antenijenes Ornelas, threatened by federation, left town.		
Antonion Russi, deputy sheriff gave him written notice to leave.		



J. I. Watson who was attacked in his home by six Federation men armed with clubs. As a result of the beating he was given his nose was broken and he will go through life disfigured. Watson is now under medical treatment in El Paso.



Group of workmen now in El Paso who were driven from the Clifton-Morenci district by the Western Federation sympathizers. All of these men have a story to tell which directly controverts the daily statement issued by Governor Hunt that Sheriff Cash was maintaining peace in the district. They are all anxious to return to their employment but will never join the Western Federation of Miners.



The Arizona Copper Company Drug Store was surrounded on the afternoon of October Second. Several clerks had been forced to join the Federation. The above shows the scene when the crowd was being harried by an agitator who is seen on the improvised platform.